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1. The shipyard at Elblag (Elbing) which was plundered by the Soviets has been reconstructed. The shipyard is now composed of two sections which have been assigned the numbers one and two. Section number one lies along the canal at the place formerly occupied by the German Schichau Werft Elbing. This section is equipped to produce the following:

- a. "High tension" construction (konstrukcje wysokiego napiecia)
- b. Ships screws
- c. Certain parts of some ship machines
- d. Certain parts of ship turbines.<sup>1</sup>

2. Section number two of the shipyard is located near the main railway station in Elblag. This section is only equipped to convert the new Polish railroad cars and locomotives to the gauge of the Russian railroads. The work at the section is performed under the direction and control of Soviet technicians who are working there. The railroad freight and passenger cars, as well as a few locomotives, come from the Polish factories located in Poznan and Silesia. [redacted] section number two handles about 80 to 100 railroad cars weekly.

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3. Since 1950, the new railroad cars and locomotives have been sent to the USSR along the railroad line which goes from Elblag through Braniewo (Braunsberg) and then in the direction of Kaliningrad. This railroad line is Russian gauge. The railroad cars are sometimes loaded with various goods.<sup>2</sup>

4. [redacted] the Elblag shipyard does not have the facilities to construct ships. [redacted] However, there are other places in the Bay of Elblag where a few small motor boats are constructed for fishermen.

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5. Polish ships are forbidden to enter the Vistulian Sound (Frisches Haff) as well as the port of Elblag. Only a few small Soviet ships have come to Elblag.

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6. A very large production hall in Elblag was totally destroyed in 1949, allegedly the result of sabotage. It had been reconstructed in 1951, but up to the fall of 1952, nothing had been produced at the hall and [redacted] nothing is being produced here at the present time.<sup>3</sup>

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Comments:

1. [redacted] this section repairs ships as well as constructs machinery for ships and locomotives. It has two floating docks.
2. [redacted] Elblag was a transshipment base for the export of heavy railroad equipment from Poland to the USSR. In Elblag, the axle width is adjusted to broad gauge tracks and the locomotives are sent on.
3. [redacted] a metal works in Elblag which was destroyed by a sabotage fire in 1949, and later rebuilt. [redacted] this plant was now assembling ship engines. However, it cannot be ascertained that this is the same plant referred to above.

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